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FM AMEMBASSY PRAGUE  
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INFO AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS

C O N F I D E N T I A L PRAGUE 0612

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, CZ, BE  
SUBJECT: WALK-IN AT BELGIAN EMBASSY

REF STATE 049635

1. AFTER RECEIPT OF REFTEL MARCH 5, DCM MET WITH BELGIAN  
CHARGE DE BAENST AND EXPLAINED EMBASSY'S INABILITY TO  
ASSIST POLEHLA AS STATED PARA 2. DE BAENST SAID HE UNDERSTOOD  
COMPLETELY AND WOULD BE PLEASED TO MAKE OUR POSITION TO POLEHLA  
RIGHT AWAY.

2. COMMENT: WE DECIDED TO INFORM POLEHLA OF USG VIEWS  
VIA DE BAENST, RATHER THAN DIRECTLY, IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN  
EMBASSY POLICY OF STRICT NON-INVOLVEMENT IN THE CASE. THE  
BELGIAN RESIDENCE, LOCATED ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE SOVIET  
EMBASSY RESIDENCE, IS UNDER CONSTANT POLICE SURVEILLANCE, AND  
WE PREFER TO AVOID SUGGESTED VISIT BY EMBOFF, WHICH MIGHT BE  
MISUNDERSTOOD BY POLICE AND UNNECESSARILY EXACERBATE THE PROBLEM.  
WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT DE BAENST WILL ACCURATELY TRANSMIT USG POSITION  
TO POLEHLA, AND WE PLAN TO TAKE NO FURTHER ACTION,  
UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

3. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT BELGIANS REMAIN CLOSEMOUTHED  
AND DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT HOW TO RESOLVE THIS MATTER.  
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I UNDERSTAND BELGIAN FOREIGN MINISTER VAN ELSLANDE HAS SENT A  
SPECIAL APPEAL TO FOREIGN MINISTER CHNOUPEK TO ASK FOR GOC  
FLEXIBILITY IN REACHING A MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION THROUGH  
DISCREET NEGOTIATIONS IN BURSSLES. MEANWHILE, DE BAENST IS UNDER  
INSTRUCTIONS TO BAR REENTRY TO POLEHLA, SHOULD HE DECIDE TO LEAVE THE  
RESIDENCE GROUND AGAIN. IF POLEHLA DOES LEAVE, AND THEN FINDS HE  
IS UNABLE TO REENTER THE BELGIAN EMBASSY, THERE IS ALWAYS THE

POSSIBILITY HE MIGHT TRY TO OBTAIN ASYLUM WITH US DESPITE OUR  
ADMONITION THAT THIS IS OUT OF THE QUESTION. SHOULD HE TAKE THIS  
COURSE,  
WE WOULD FOLLOW GUIDELINES IN 2 FAM, AS STATED IN PRAGUE 587,  
AND REITERATE USG POSITION SET FORTH IN PARA 2 REFTTEL IN  
REASSERTING OUR INABILITY TO EXTEND ASYLUM.  
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